

### District Court in Alamogordo.

District court convened in Alamogordo Monday morning, Judge Edward A. Mann of the sixth district, presiding. The session will probably continue two weeks. The docket includes ten criminal and eighteen civil cases. The following is the venire of grand jurors:

W. Burden, W. A. Jackson, E. P. Smith, S. Gallegos, Tucumcari; C. H. Kohn, Montoya; M. Benavides, Montoya; F. Baca, Enders; V. Marica, F. Martinez, P. Vuelto; T. Labadie, T. H. Z-graff, P. Dwyer, Santa Rosa; L. Aguilar, Antonio Chico, J. B. Winkle, Antelope Springs; E. Baca, J. Sanchez y Vigil, Manzano, D. MacGillivray Estancia; M. A. Aragon, Sienega; F. Howe, Abo; J. M. Gallegos, Duran; A. H. Clavton, Mayhill. Talesmen: W. B. Bracken, Clouderoff; S. Gonzales, Hondo; E. Fresques, Piacito; H. McFarland, Arroyo Seco; J. R. Chrisman, Los Palas; R. G. Mullen, Alamogordo.

### Fire in the Mediterranean

Valette Island of Malta, Nov. 23.—Nearly two hundred persons, passengers and crew of the Eilerman line Sardinia, are believed to have perished today, when the steamer was destroyed by fire just after she sailed for Alexandria, Egypt.

The Sardinia was scarcely a mile off Grand Harbor when the first sign of fire appeared, but with a strong wind fanning the flames, the whole ship was soon ablaze. There was a wild panic on board as the rapidly spreading flames drove the passengers to the rail, and many excited ones, not even waiting for the boat to be lowered, plunged into the sea. Scores are believed to have been drowned. Others, trapped by the fire, literally roasted to death or smothered. Several tugs and other swift vessels rushed to the assistance of the imperiled liner. A high sea and heavy gales made it impossible for them to approach closely and they could render but little aid.

The Sardinia left Liverpool, Nov. 14th, with a crew numbering forty-four, twenty first class and six second class passengers embarked at Liverpool. Most of the other passengers undoubtedly were Levantines, Maltese and Egyptians crossing from Malta to Alexandria.

### Baptist Convention at Roswell

The ninth annual session of the New Mexico Baptist convention will be held in Roswell December 2nd to 6th. The convention was organized with twenty-seven churches, and at present there are more than a hundred, thirty-five of these having been organized during the past year. About \$12,000 has been expended this year for missionary work, the greater part of this fund coming from the Home Mission Society. The officers of the convention are: President, B. T. Link, of Central; treasurer, R. H. Kemp, of Roswell; corresponding secretary, Dr. P. W. Longfellow, of Roswell.

### Agricultural College Notes

Agricultural College, Nov. 24, 1908.—In a short time those who have been anxious about a water supply at the college, will have their wishes gratified by seeing a new system erected and ready to furnish the necessary water for domestic supply and ample fire protection. Plans are now practically matured for the erection and operation of a \$3500 water plant. There will be a new stand-pipe erected near the well on the mesa. This will hold 75000 gallons and give enough pressure to supply all the buildings. A six inch main will be connected with the well and a three inch one will lead from it to each of the buildings. The new pump will be operated by electric power furnished by the Las Cruces Electric Light Company and will have a capacity of 200 gallons per minute. It is expected that the power will be ready in about a month and the tank will be erected upon a fifty foot tower and ready for use as soon as it can be installed.

Professor Sage of the engineering department has the plans all ready for this new plant and the work is being pushed as rapidly as is consistent with good thorough work.

Captain Hiram M. L. Powell of the 25th Infantry has been secured to take charge of the college battalion has been handicapped all year by its lack of a regular officer but has done excellent work in spite of this difficulty.

It has been settled that a game of football will be played with Roswell Military Institute on Thanksgiving. The teams will meet at the College. This game was established last year and proved such a satisfactory one that the demand has been great for another one between the two teams this year.

## TUCUMCARI'S THANKSGIVING "STAG BANQUET"

The business men of Tucumcari held a stag banquet at Stubbins' Cafe on Thursday night. Plates were laid for one-hundred.

An elegant supper was served by Stubbins. At nine o'clock the doors were thrown open, and in a short time the serving of the menu began, and lasted until eleven o'clock.

At the conclusion of the supper Toastmaster, W. F. Buchanan took charge, and the following toasts were responded to:

Tucumcari's past, Donald Stewart; Tucumcari's present, J. A. Street; Tucumcari's future, G. W. Evans; Tucumcari's school, Dr. Moore. Two months of Tucumcari.

Rev. C. L. Brooks.

Two years of Tucumcari. Rev. Warner H. DuBose.

Territory-State, Reed Holloman. A healthier Tucumcari, Dr. Moore. The medical profession.

Dr. J. E. Manney. The Law, Atty. V. W. Moore. The Press, W. H. Brymer.

The merchants, T. A. Muirhead. "The stranger within our gates,"

C. V. Stafford, Santa Fe. Real Estate, Judge R. L. Patterson. The Santa Fe Trail, M. C. Mechem. The Ladies, our "sainted mothers,"

our absent wives and sweet-hearts, Rev. J. W. Campbell.

F. A. Stubbins is to be congratulated upon the elegant supper and the style in which it was served. The menu was as follows:

MEU  
Huîtres sur Coquille Celeri  
Consomme de Volaille  
Filet de Blanc Poisson, al a Bechamel  
Dundonneau a la Americaine  
Pommes Souffle Pimolas  
Cafe au Lait Petits Pains  
Mayonnaise de Homard  
Petits Pois, en Caisse  
Apricot Glace Gateau  
Fruit  
Cafe en Tasse Cigars

After the guests had been seated at the table the lights were turned off and a flash-light photo was taken by Loomis, the photographer.

DONALD STEWART: "Mr. Stewart said that seven years ago he attended a wedding on Thanksgiving day, and the next morning started for Tucumcari. He had heard of Tucumcari and expected to find a town here, but when he arrived three days later he found only seven tents and a mountain. The first man he met was Mr. Baca, wearing a pair of blue-oversalls and a beard two months old, and the beard was red. The next men he met were J. A. Street, the present mayor, and Max Goldenberg. He built the first house in Tucumcari, size 10x16, one story and attic. The house was used as a storehouse, the attic as a hotel, often sleeping a dozen men. There were no hotels, no postoffice. Among the old timers were D. J. Aber, W. A. Jackson and J. Q. Adams. The first public meeting held in Tucumcari was the McKinley memorial service, and as there were no churches, school houses or public halls, the meeting was held in a bar-room. Mr. Lawson led the singing and Dr. Wilson made an address.

"These were the days of Tucumcari's infancy but today the city has on long trousers, and is still growing and will become one of the very best cities in New Mexico."

JAYOR J. A. STREET: "Mayor Street said that in seven years he had seen Tucumcari grow from a tent to one of the best towns in New Mexico. Our school enrollment today is over six-hundred, we have a good city government, and as an evidence of our citizenship being a law-abiding people, only three arrests were reported by the police for the month of October. We are going to vote bonds and erect a fine school building if the people will give the council their support and hearty co-operation."

GEO. EVANS, JR.: "Geo. Evans, Jr., lawyer, alderman, real estate man and prophet, lifted the veil and gave a glimpse of Tucumcari—of it's future. He saw a city of twenty-five thousand people, with twenty-five aldermen, receiving \$25,000 salaries. Street cars were running, a sewerage system reaching the Pecos River; the Capitol had been torn down at Santa Fe, and one had been erected here which made the old Santa Fe Capitol look like thirty-cents, with the three marked off."

DR. MOORE: "Owing to the absence of Prof.

Ware, Dr. Moore gave in addition to his response on "A healthier Tucumcari," some facts about our schools, showing the necessity for a school building in order to furnish adequate facilities for the accommodation of the children of school age, and urged those present to vote and work for the issuing of bonds for that purpose."

Rev. C. L. Brooks said his first impressions of Tucumcari were gotten from some business men at El Paso, who assured him that we were building one of the best towns in the west, and from the moment he stepped from the train he was a citizen of Tucumcari, and would do all he could to help build it up.

Rev. DuBose who has been a resident of Tucumcari for two years, and is still a bachelor, said that the men of Tucumcari had been kinder to him than had the ladies. He spoke of the possibility of securing the Presbyterian school which will be located at some point in New Mexico in the near future. Many words of praise were spoken by him of the good people of our little city, and he is optimistic as to her future.

ATTORNEY, REED HOLLAMAN. Hon. Reed Holloman, on the subject of statehood, spoke as follows:

"Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen: I have been fortunate in having lived the greater part of my life in one of the best states in the Union; I have been equally fortunate in coming to the best territory in the Union, and look forward to the not far distant day when this, the best territory in the Union, will be the best state in the Union."

"I do not speak facetiously in this matter, for I have the greatest confidence in this territory. Its industries are so varied, its natural resources are so many, and its opportunities are so great, that they are sufficient to inspire confidence and admiration in any one. But I have not been asked to dilate on the general condition of New Mexico, but upon the one thing that is nearer to the hearts of our people than anything else—statehood. We stand to-day outside the pale of our sister states; we are absolutely dependent upon the whims and fancies of other states for all we get, and we must accept what they please to give us and make the best of it. We live twenty-five hundred miles from our seat of government; we are so far away that they almost forget we are on the map, and by the time congress is through tinkering with the tariff, wringing standard oil out of the clothing of the United States senators, and cussing old Joe Cannon, there is no time for us."

Since coming here I received a letter from a friend, asking the name of our governor. He said he had inquired of Congressman James Watson, the whip of the house of representatives, and that Watson had never heard of him. Now, I am a republican, but you can guess that I shed no tears when I learned that Tom Marshall had defeated Jim Watson for governor of Indiana at the recent election. A congressman who is so ignorant of the affairs of the territories as that, is not fit to be governor of any state in the Union. But that is the way we get it, and the way we will continue to get it until we obtain statehood.

"I believe that the prospects for statehood are brighter now than ever before. The election is over, and we have forgotten our little political differences. We republicans thought that republican success would be more instrumental in procuring statehood than if the democrats should succeed. We democrats thought otherwise. But, now that the election is over, we, the people, both democrats and republicans, have united in the demand, and it makes no difference what party gives it to us, we intend to have it, and the politicians of both parties, who have been occupying soft places in this territory, had better get busy. I have no doubt that the larger part of our leading men of all parties are sincerely in favor of statehood. I believe that Governor Curry is sincere in his statements, and I think you will agree with me. Some question was raised during the campaign about the sincerity of our delegate to congress. That may have been caused by the natural results of a heated campaign, I do not know; but there is one thing certain: he is now in a position to exercise a great influence in that direction, and unless he does it, no party in the future, will ever have so little sense that it will run him for anything. The foxes will still have their hiding places, the birds of the air their nests, but he will have no place to

lay his head.

"What we want is statehood, and when the time comes that the star of our territory shall join the bright cluster that adorns our flag, then we will walk forth in newness of life, and the spirit of progress, that even now nestles in our midst, will bear us upward and onward until we shall be known and respected throughout the entire world."

DR. C. J. K. MOORE:

"In response to A Healthier Tucumcari, said:—A healthier Tucumcari means to compare the conditions of health which have existed in the past, or do exist at the present time, with those which may exist in the future."

Health is that state of a living animal body in which all the parts are sound, well organized and disposed, and in which they perform freely their natural function, and the body is free from pain.

We look around us tonight and see no sign of disease on the faces of any who surround this Thanksgiving board, and from external indications all are in perfect health. During the year 1907, Tucumcari had epidemics of measles, mumps, scarlet fever, whooping cough and typhoid a few cases of meningitis and small pox. During the present year we have had no epidemics, with two exceptions, there have been near fifty cases of "yellow peril" in Tucumcari, all of which have been ably treated by U. S. Surgeon, Dobbs, ably assisted by Street and Bell, who are in charge of the Quay county sanitarium for all such cases. The other epidemic to which we refer is one which has brought joy to many hearts and homes, and reminds us of a question asked by an old maid who was very dear to me: she had called to see a neighbor lady and finding her in bed, asked in great alarm, "What is the matter?" The sick woman replied, "Oh I have a fine baby boy."

The old maid did not catch the words, and throwing up her hands, exclaimed "O Lord, do you suppose its catching?" Such has been the epidemic here, that many of the maids, both old and young who are contemplating matrimony, have inquired in thrilling tones: "Do you think its catching?" "A healthier Tucumcari. Mr. Toastmaster, do you know what that means to the medical profession? Why, for some time past it has been so distressingly healthy here that the physicians have been taking it turn about getting sick so that the others might have something to do, and then those who have tried it after getting a good solid case started they have become frightened thinking that the other physicians might retaliate on them, and have asked to be transferred to our "Suburban Hospital" at Alamogordo.

But there are yet means which we may employ to have a still healthier Tucumcari, the United Traction Co., of Troy, N. Y., have printed a new supply of transfers, and on the back of each transfer has been printed the following information in regard to tuberculosis: "Consumption in early stages can be cured." Take your case in time to a good physician, or go yourself to the relief station, and you may be cured do not wait.

2—Consumption is caught mainly through the spit of consumptives: Friends of consumptives, dampness, dirt, darkness, drink: Enemies of consumption: sun, air, good food, cleanliness. If you have consumption, dont give it to others by spitting, even if you have not, set a good example to other by retaining from the habit, always dirty—often dangerous.

In New York city during the month of September there were 11,000 deaths, or 15.5 per 1,000; the deaths from tuberculosis alone were 1089.

While the United Traction Co., of Tucumcari does not need to have the warning and advice printed on all its transfers, still every individual citizen of our city might take this advice to himself: "clean up and keep clean": see that your premises are as clean, if not cleaner, than your neighbors, dont do that which you would correct or criticize your neighbor for doing—see that your meat, milk and water are as clean and pure as you require your grocer's supply to be—be loyal to your city and your city's officers. Be not like dumb driven cattle, be a hero in the strife, for a cleaner city—and a healthier Tucumcari.

Atty. V. W. Moore responded to the toast "Tucumcari's Lawyers," and said: "Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen—

It is with pleasure that I respond to the toast given me tonight, because I think there is no higher avocation given to man than the

Law; at this time I desire to publish the fact that in all my experience as a member of the bar, and in my knowledge and acquaintance of members thereof, I have never met attorneys with a higher sense of honor and integrity than we have in Tucumcari, and as I stand before you tonight my mind turns back to the first time a law book was placed in my hands by an old gray bearded lawyer, and he used the statement that by the time I had succeeded in absorbing everything in that book, "You will have more sense and better judgment than you now have." I have been studying that book continuously ever since, and up to tonight have not been able to fully realize everything contained therein. After the book was handed me I opened it, and upon the first line there appeared these words "Law is a rule of action," and I know of no better place wherein that definition is applied than by the citizens of the town of Tucumcari.

As President of your Commercial Club I have had the opportunity of studying the different members thereof, and not once have I ever found one single member hesitating in the discharge of his duty; and as president of our Commercial Club I desire now to state to my friend DuBose that if he will give me the name of his missionary and his postoffice address, I assure him that an invitation will be not only sent, but that he be urged to visit Tucumcari in the interests of the establishing of a school for the Presbyterian mission work. And not only do I assure him that this invitation will be forwarded, but I also give him the assurance that every member of the Commercial Club is his to command; that we will do everything in our power to assist him in securing the school for the town of Tucumcari.

And now gentlemen, while this is the first banquet I have ever attended at which champagne has not been poured, and the toasts offered, I feel that I cannot do justice to myself and especially to our city, without first offering to her the toast she so much deserves.

It is, therefore, with pleasure that I ask you to join me in drinking to the prosperity of Tucumcari, and the citizens therein; and I ask you gentlemen as you raise the glass to your lips that you bear in mind that the advancement of our town is on each individual person therein; and that as you go home, to your places of business, out in the world, you bear in mind one word, and that word is "advance."

Here gentlemen is to the future prosperity of Tucumcari. One word more, and that is that when you visit other places, when you meet new people, bear in mind not only the word advance, but under any and all circumstances do not hesitate to tell your friends of the many good things we have in our city.

W. H. BRYMER. "Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen: After listening to what has been said here tonight concerning the rapid progress made in Tucumcari during the past few years I am convinced that we are enjoying a higher civilization, a truer religion and a better humanity than ever before dreamed of in our philosophy or writ in our history, and nowhere do they find more faithful expressions than in our own prosperous and growing city. Were I asked to name the most important factor of the various energies which have contributed toward this development I would answer "the country press." Without the weekly visit of the local paper the American home is incomplete, yes, I would say that the home that exiles the local paper from its hearthstone is like the poet's description of the man who hath no music in his soul "fit only for treason, for stratagems and spoils." Someone has said "the country press is the mightiest power in our civil life today and the individual who wantonly ignores it or provokes it to combat will retire from the contest with a very much battered anatomy."

It is not necessary for me to produce arguments in support of the statement that I have made to you, business men of Tucumcari have sworn by their loyal support of the local press that you fully realize the importance of the work that is being done and must be done by the local newspapers. I believe I can say without contradiction that Tucumcari can boast of having the best two weekly papers in the Southwest. And there is a reason for it. The reason is that Tucumcari has the most wide-awake and up-to-date set of business men, and therefore, the best advertisers, of any town in the Southwest. I want to assure you, Mr. Toastmaster and business men

of Tucumcari, that you will always find the local newspapers with the vanguard in the march of progress, striving earnestly for the upbuilding of a greater Tucumcari."

T. A. Muirhead was called upon to tell how it was possible for the merchants to sell their goods below cost, and still have a good bank account. He replied "It's because we sell so many of 'em." He said he had prepared a magnificent speech for the occasion, with a bat wing tie, creased trousers, and strictly up-to-date—but like a snow ball, in August it had "gone glimmering," and as it was passing her grabbed the following:

Who toils with head, with hands, with feet,  
To supply his family with grub to eat  
And, incidentally, to pay for sprinkling the street?

The Merchant.

Who goes to work at early light,  
Does without dinner to serve you right,  
Gets home to supper way in the night?

The Merchant.

Who furnishes Johnnie with shoes and hat,  
When you're down on your luck and broke plum flat,  
(And Johnnie must have them or stay in the shack)?

The Merchant.

Who worries about meeting his bills when due,  
Remembers Johnnie, his hat and shoes,  
Because with the money you've never come through?

The Merchant.

Who closes his door when evangelists come,  
Turns his patrons out on the street to bum,  
And helps to pay the good man's fare back home?

The Merchant.

Who closes his door for a baseball game,  
When the boys play the Bloomers of national fame,  
While customers wait and call him hard names?

The Merchant.

Who pays for the programs, directories, cook books,  
By buying ad space at which no one looks,  
Because if he don't—look out for the books?

The Merchant.

Who pays good money for printers ink,  
Advertises and causes the people to think  
Your town is the only skate in the rink?

The Merchant.

When a school house is needed forty miles from town,  
They have seven dollars, but must pay ninety down,  
On top of whose head will the club come down?

The Merchants.

Jeers Sawbuck, Jones Bros., Montgomery & Ward,  
Will take all your cash and say "ne'er a word,"  
When it's gone, who furnishes flour, meat and lard?

The Merchant.

The mail order house is the poor man's friend,  
But when crops fail, cyclones come and hope's at an end,  
Who digs up the cash and helps things to mend?

The Merchant.

When a new church is wanted, no matter what creed,  
The Committee makes a bee line with lightning speed  
Who's expected to lead off with the most kale seed?

The Merchant.

Who buries the pauper, looks after the sick,  
Has no home of his own, but that awful big stick,  
If he don't dig up, will lay him low quick?

The Merchant.

He's solicited for this, lambasted for that,  
Whoops up the town, always Johnnie at the bat,  
If it were not for him where'd your town be at?

The Merchant.

JUDGE R. L. PATTERSON. "The Toastmaster has allowed me just five minutes to toast real estate, just three minutes more than I can use. The real estate business in Quay county up to June 1st of this year, was a flourishing business, the general condition of things prior to that time were such that the real estate business had to be good. The country was blessed with good crops, grass on the range was fine, new people were coming into the country every day, and the farmers were energetic to get in big crops, and money flowed like water, under such conditions real estate could not help being good. We needed no

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### Bay View Reading Club.

The Bay View Reading Club held its regular weekly session on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Conwell on Aber street. Roll call was responded to by quotations from Mrs. Browning on Italy. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Donohoo, Mrs. Crofford held the chair and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting Mrs. Sherwood gave the lesson review. In the absence of Mrs. Koch Mrs. Sanders conducted the magazine review. Mrs. Jarrell was not present but sent in her paper on "The Italian People Progress," which was read by Mrs. Crofford. Mrs. Conwell then played the National Hymn of Italy, after which Mrs. Cady read aloud the words of the hymn.

In the social period Mrs. Conwell served pressed chicken, Waldorf salad, peanut sandwiches and coffee. Those present were Messdames Cady, Crofford, Conwell, Goldenberg, George, Moore, Muirhead, Sherwood, Street, Sanders and Nichols. After a most pleasant and profitable afternoon the club adjourned to meet next week with Mrs. Goldenberg.

### Lecture at Baptist Church.

Prof. Cowan gave a very interesting lecture last night at the Baptist church his subject being "Opportunities of Higher Education. The church was decorated in yellow and purple, the colors of the territorial normal.

There was a good attendance considering the inclemency of the weather.

### Whist Club.

The Friday evening whist club was entertained by Mrs. James Conwell. The luncheon served by the hostess consisted of pressed chicken, Waldorf salad, peanut sandwiches, escalloped oysters, chocolate parsuit, coffee and walters.

The ladies prize was won by Mrs. Earl George, and the gentleman's by Mr. George.

### A New Real Estate Firm.

J. A. Street, mayor of Tucumcari, and sheriff of Quay county, and J. A. Robinson of Obar, have opened an office for the conduct of a general Real Estate business, one door east of Street's livery stable on East Main street.

These gentlemen will handle city property, deeded lands, relinquishments, ranches, etc., and are the agents of the Official Townsite Co. Mr. Street is too well known to need any introduction from us, and Mr. Robinson is a business man of experience, having been engaged in business in Oklahoma for a number of years, and also conducted a land business at Obar, N. M. The News welcomes Mr. Robinson to our city, and unhesitatingly recommends him to the people of our city and community. We wish more men of his stamp, would locate here.

### Her Clothes Were not On

There is a story going around about a surprised lot of passengers who heard rather peculiar words from a soft feminine voice just as the Woodland street car was pulling out of the transfer station recently.

"Wait, please, Mr. Conductor, until I get my clothes on—it won't take me long, just a minute."

And while they were craning their necks to see what it was all about, she screamed:

"Oh, wait a minute; I dropped my skirt. Just let me get my skirt, please."

And as the car finally got started, the wondering passengers saw a portly colored "auntie" struggling with an enormous basket of clothes on the rear end of the car.—Nashville, Tennessean.

### Parkhurst on "Merry Widow" Hats

New York, Nov. 23.—"Any lady who decorates herself in way to shut off the view of those sitting behind her, commits theft—a theft not tolerated in the theatre and a theft which Christian consideration ought to render impossible in a sanctuary."

A wave of protest against the "Merry Widow" and other large sized feminine headgear, having reached Madison avenue Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst so declared himself yesterday in the prelude to his regular morning sermon.

### Our First Big Snow.

A twelve inch snow has fallen in Tucumcari since 8 o'clock last night, and the steady falling at time of going to press indicates that it will be much deeper. A telephone message just received from the mayor of Montoya reports the snow in that section to be fifteen to eighteen inches deep and still falling.